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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q77027

Hiroiyuki NISHIDA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/644,871

Group Art Unit: 2877

Confirmation No.: 7068

Examiner: Juan D. VALENTIN

Filed: August 21, 2003

For: APPARATUS FOR STACKING SHEET MEMBERS, APPARATUS FOR MEASURING DIMENSIONS OF SHEET MEMBERS, AND APPARATUS FOR AND METHOD OF MARKING SHEET MEMBERS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement, dated November 28, 2005, Applicants elect Group I, claims 8-17, for examination on the merits. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 18-20.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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